GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS TO KARGIL WAR WIDOWS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have worked out a 10 year programme to release petrol pumps to the war widows of Kargil and the ITBP and BSF widows killed in Kashmir;

(b): if so, the ratio in which petrol pumps would be released over the 10 years period;

(c): the reasons for evolving a 10 years plan to help such widows;

(d): whether the 10 year plan could be made into a shorter span;

(e); if so, the extent to which the delay is hurting the image of the Government; and

(f): the steps proposed to work out a different time schedule to implement the Government assurances?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (f): The Government have not worked out any 10-year programme to release retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) to the war widows of Kargil and the widows of the ITBP and the BSF personnel killed in Kashmir.

However, in addition to the other channels available in the existing guidelines, enabling the widows of the Defence/Paramilitary personnel apply for retail outlets (petrol pumps), the Government have formulated a Special Scheme for allotmentof retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships to widows/next of kin of

Defence personnel killed in action in `OP Vijay` (Kargil).Allotment of dealerships/distributorships under the Special Scheme is made on the recommendations of the Ministry of Defence.

The Government have also earmarked a discretionary quota of retail outlet dealerships/LPG distributorships/ SKO-LDO dealerships for allotment on genuine compassionate grounds to deserving persons in the following two categories:

(i) Dependants of Defence/ Paramilitary/Police personnel, who are killed in action or persons permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated;

(ii) Dependants of Central/State Government employees, who are killed or permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated.

According to the guidelines, the number of discretionary allotments in a year shall not exceed 10% of the average Annual Marketing Plan or 75, whichever is less, of which allotments of retail outlets for petroleum products will not ordinarily exceed 5% of the average Annual Marketing Plan.